AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A water-based metallic paint which comprises comprising a resin composition for water-based paint and metallic pigment,

said-wherein the water-based metallic paint containing comprises 5-15 parts by weight of a polyamide resin per 100 parts by weight of the resin composition for water-based paint, and

the wherein a storage modulus of elasticity of the paint liquid water-based metallic paint immediately after spray coating of said the water-based metallic paint being is at least 100 Pa/20°C under the conditions of 0.5 Pa stress and 0.1 Hz frequency.

- 2. (Currently amended) A-<u>The</u> water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, in which-wherein the polyamide resin is fatty acid polyamide wax.
- 3. (Currently amended) A-The water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, which contains comprising 6-13 parts by weight of the polyamide resin per 100 parts by weight of the resin composition for water-based paint.
- 4. (Currently amended) A-The water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, in which wherein the storage modulus of elasticity of the paint liquid water-based metallic paint immediately after spray coating of said the water-based metallic paint lies within a range of 100-200 Pa/20°C under the conditions of 0.5 Pa stress and 0.1 Hz frequency.
- 5. (Currently amended) A-The water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, in which-wherein the resin composition for water-based paint is formed of a base resin whose molecules concurrently contain carboxyl and hydroxyl groups per molecule, and a crosslinking agent.
- 6. (Currently amended) A-The water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, in which wherein the metallic pigment is selected from a the group consisting of flaky

aluminium, vapor-deposited aluminium, alumina, bismuth oxychloride, mica, titanium oxide-coated mica, iron oxide-coated mica, micaceous iron oxide, titanium oxide-coated silica, titanium oxide-coated alumina, iron oxide-coated silica and iron oxide-coated alumina.

- 7. (Currently amended) A-The water-based metallic paint according to Claim 1, which contains comprising 0.5-40 parts by weight of metallic pigment per 100 parts of the resin composition for water-based paint.
- 8. (Withdrawn Currently amended) A coating method which comprises comprising applying the water-based metallic paint as described in Claim 1 onto an object which is advancedly coated with a primer and optionally further optionally coated with an intermediate paint.
- 9. (Withdrawn Currently amended) A-The coating method according to Claim 8, in which wherein a clear paint is further applied onto the coating of the water-based metallic paint.
- 10. (Withdrawn Currently amended) A-The coating method according to Claim 8, in which wherein the object to be coated is an outer panel portion of a car-bodies body.
- 11. (Withdrawn Currently amended) Articles which An article which are is coated with the water-based metallic paint as described in Claim 1.